

Welcome to the U.S. Diplomacy Center!

We invite you to learn the untold stories of our nation's diplomats and how they promote American values and advance U.S. foreign policy. See how diplomacy is a cornerstone of America's peace, security, and prosperity. Experience why diplomacy is more important than ever in our 21st century interconnected world.

Explore interactive exhibits that take you behind the scenes into the world of those working on the frontlines of diplomacy.

KATHY A. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR



In 2014, Secretary Kerry and five former Secretaries of State broke ground on this unique, non-partisan museum and education center. Funding for the construction and exhibits comes from private donors through a public-private partnership with the Diplomacy Center Foundation. Architectural firm Beyer Blinder Belle designed the contemporary, two-level glass and steel pavilion to complement the Art Moderne style of the original 1939 War Department, now the U.S. Department of State.



The new glass and steel pavilion invites visitors to enter the sometimes opaque world of diplomacy. This beautiful 20,000 square foot pavilion was completed in December 2016. The elegant pink marble from a quarry in Friendsville, Tennessee, is also found in the Lincoln Memorial, the National Gallery of Art, and the U.S. Capitol.

PROJECT:

U.S. General Services Administration

ARCHITECT OF RECORD:

Bever Blinder Belle

CONSTRUCTION:
Gilbane Building Company

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: Heery International, Inc.

Glass Walls

Tennessee Pink Marble

Sheet Metal

Foundation Support Piles

Excavation Soil Removed

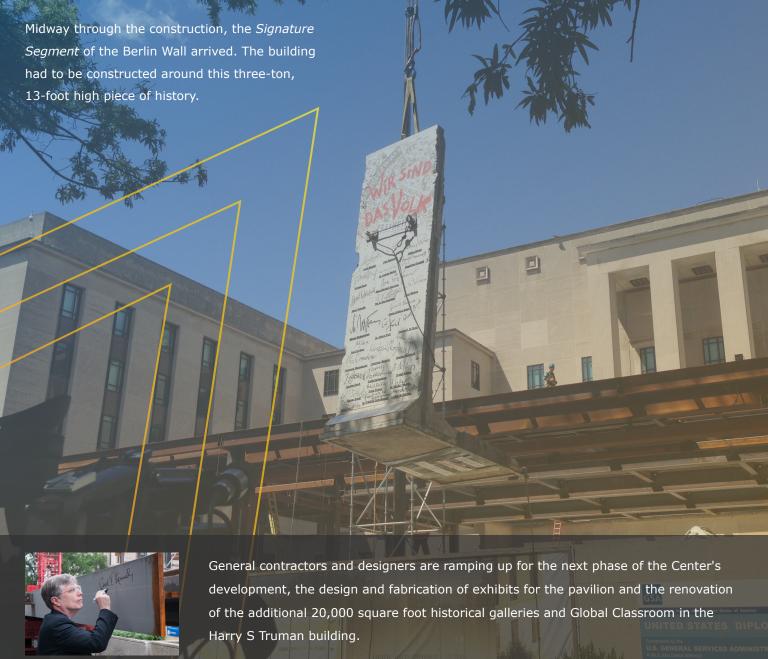
23,339 square feet

17,000 square feet

53,755 pounds

15,578 piles

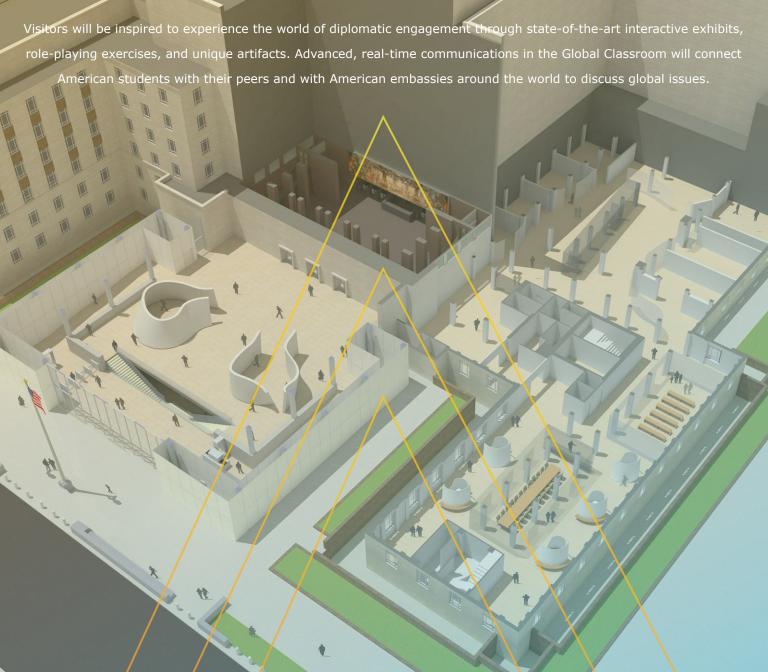
5,232 cubic yards





"As architects, we advance our mission through projects that contribute to our communities, our cities, and beyond. In today's world, there couldn't be a project more meaningful than helping to create the U.S. Diplomacy Center."

HANY HASSAN, ARCHITECT



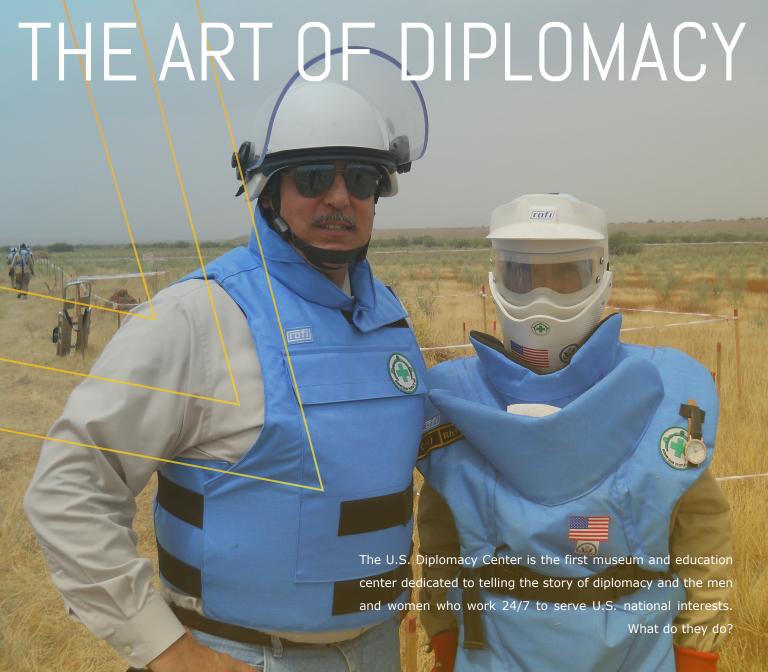


"Before long, and without intending it, I found that jewelry had become part of my personal diplomatic arsenal... I began urging colleagues and reporters to 'Read my pins.'"

MADELEINE K. ALBRIGHT, SECRETARY OF STATE, 1997-2001

Visit Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection for personal and fascinating insights into the practice of diplomacy.





"Through diplomacy, we do everything we can to prevent wars. We help after wars to rebuild the societies and economies of our former enemies. We execute treaties, we negotiate treaties and get them ratified - treaties that reduce arms or bring a peaceful level of action to different parts of the world. We spread our values throughout the world without lecturing, just by showing ourselves as a successful nation and demonstrating our value system. We execute trade negotiations and treaties which benefit us. We focus on human rights, on health, the environment. We talk to friends and adversaries, and we work with adversaries to make sure they do not become enemies.

This is vital work. This is work that is [in] the best interest of the nation."

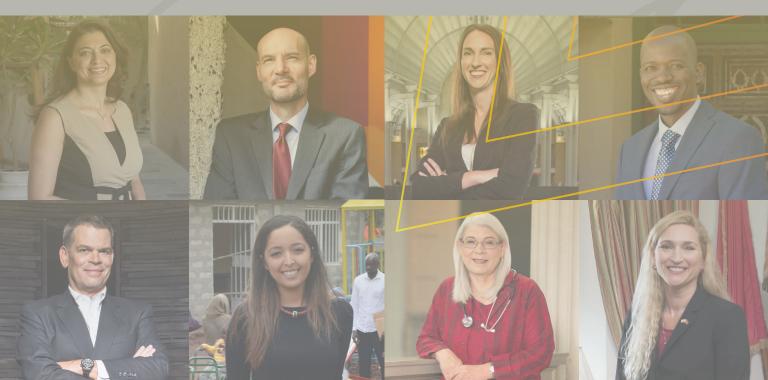
COLIN L. POWELL, SECRETARY OF STATE, 2001-2005



ON THE FRONT LINES OF DIPLOMACY

"But nothing substitutes for the professionals who are there to assist every Secretary of State, every president in understanding what the backstory is, what's happening sort of below the surface... For the United States, that means we do have to build strong relationships - not only with governments, but also with publics."

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, SECRETARY OF STATE, 2009-2013





MADELEINE K. ALBRIGHT, SECRETARY OF STATE, 1997-2001



HENRY A. KISSINGER, SECRETARY OF STATE, 1973-1977



"I'm a huge proponent of exchanges, student exchanges, cultural exchanges, university exchanges. We talk a lot about public diplomacy. It's extremely important that we get our message out, but it's also the case that we should not have a monologue with other people. It has to be a conversation. And you can't do that without exchanges and openness."

CONDOLEEZZA RICE, SECRETARY OF STATE, 2005-2009





"I think at a time when there are those who wonder about our role in the world, this center sends an important - indeed, an indispensable message that diplomacy and development are at the heart of America's leadership, and that that leadership remains absolutely essential for everything we hope to see happen in the world, not just for our country and for Americans, but for people everywhere."

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, SECRETARY OF STATE, 2008-2012





'Since the days of our founding, the United States has really been blessed by adroit diplomacy. It was, after all, successful diplomacy that allowed us to strike the Treaty of Paris; diplomacy that made possible the Louisiana Purchase; diplomacy that formulated and implemented the Marshall Plan; and diplomacy that made sure the Cold War ended with a whimper and not with a bang."

JAMES A. BAKER, III, SECRETARY OF STATE, 1989-1992



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